

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 7.5 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.4 million tons in October, a decrease of 7.5 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos also trailed the month's 5-year average by 4.6 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.8 million tons, a decrease of 6 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 568,000 tons, a decrease of 14.6 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 24.2 million tons, an increase of 1.9 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 19.8 million tons, an increase of 1.7 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.4 million tons, an increase 2.6 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: OCTOBER 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	3,172,423	3,095,638	2,920,091	2,692,456	2,992,327	2,815,287	2,974,587
Canadian Ports	449,398	629,107	504,973	613,197	664,787	567,559	572,292
Total	3,621,821	3,724,745	3,425,064	3,305,653	3,657,114	3,382,846	3,546,879

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: YEAR-TO-DATE 2012-2017 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	20,386,818	19,455,165	20,806,486	18,381,910	19,502,362	19,834,280	19,706,548
Canadian Ports	3,160,097	3,589,451	3,745,000	4,389,530	4,257,644	4,370,412	3,828,344
Total	23,546,915	23,044,616	24,551,486	22,771,440	23,760,006	24,204,692	23,534,892

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

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Lake Carriers' Association ("LCA") represents 13 American companies that operate 45 U.S.-flag vessels ("lakers") on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, its members can transport more than 90 million tons of dry-bulk cargo per year and employ more than 1,600 men and women, all of whom are U.S. citizens or legally admitted aliens, and provide annual wages and benefits of approximately \$125 million. In turn, those cargos create and sustain nearly 116,000 jobs in the eight Great Lakes states and generate more than \$20 billion in economic activity, \$8.3 billion in personal income, \$16.4 billion in business revenue, \$4.1 billion in local purchases and \$3.7 billion in taxes.

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